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RICHMOND, VA., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1899.

NOTED CRIMINAL CASE RECALLED

By the Death of Dr. John A. P. Baker.

SOFTENING OF BRAIN.

He Had Been a Complete Mental Wreck for Several Years Past.

CHARGED WITH WIFE MURDER

On Account of His Passion for Mrs. Gilmer-He Was Found Guilty, But on a Retrial Was Acquitted-Trial Created Intense and Widespread Interest

John A. P. Baker, the principal in the

JOHN A. P. BAKER.

married, Rev. E. E. Wiley, P. D. The nuptials were raic the home of the laide's par-this time Dr. Baker was

Some eight years prior to 1891, Dr. Baker met at a Sunday-school picule near Wyndale Va. Mrs. Wyndham R. Gilver, the wife of a wealthy farmer of that community. From that day a

BUNDLES OF LETTERS.

In 1880 Mrs. gaker ded sublenty and was buried without a rious suspicion of four play, but when a few months later an employe at the Euker home discovered. a batch of letters in an opening in the wall of the brick residence, the whole secret was out. The letters were carried to the county officials and were read by them. These letters proved to be from Mrs. Glimer to Dr. Baker, and were filled to overflowing with expressions of eneplracy between Dr. Baker and Mrs Himer by which he was to get rid of his wife and she her husband. It ap-peared from the letters that Dr. Baker old Mrs. Gilmer that he got rid of

his wife by poison.

A warrant was issued for Dr. Baker, charging him with the murder of his wife by poison. On a Sunday night in May 1861, C. C. Countis, deputy sheriff, arrested Dr. Baker in the Methodist church at Alengdon, From this time the story of the scandal suread tike wild fire were never before so thoroughly arouse Dr. Baker was lodged in Jall, where remained until August, when his ca

SENSATIONAL TRIAL

After a sensational trial lasting three weeks, in which Mrs. Gilmer related the gory of her conduct with Dr. Taker without reserve, Dr. Baker was found guilty and sentenced to death. He was defended by able counsel, ththe Supreme bench. Hon. Frank S Blair, Ex-Attorney-General of the State and Hon. C. F. Trigg, Ex-Congressman Among the lawyers for the prosecution were Hon. D. F. Bailey, of Bristol: Judge Hutten and Col J. C. Wysor, of Newburn. The jury was composed mainly of men who had been Dr. Baker's life-long

The case was appealed to the Circuit ourt, and Judge Kelly, on technicalities,

granted the defendant a new trial.

The second trial took place in January 1982, and despite the strong evidence against the prisoner, he was acquitted. The acquitting jury was summoned from

or a county adjoining Roanoke.

Or. W. H. Taylor, of Richmond, the State chemist, figured conspicuously in each trial as an expert witness and testi. o having found arsenie in the stom-of Mrs. Baker, whose remains were exhumed for an autopsy several months

undertook to resume the practice of med-teine, but was practically unsuccessful Decressed in spirits, and perhaps con-

he was mentally deranged, and at times like a man with delirium tremens. He has been but a wreck of his former

URGENT DEFICIENCY.

The Bill Makes an Appropriation of \$51,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.- The Urgent Deficiency Appropriation bill, the first o otal will amount to about \$51,000,000. The tems have already been sent in by the everal departments, and these are being out together so that the Appropriations Committee will be able to addmit the bill

Committee will be able to sebmit the bill to the House soon after it assembles. Of this amount 44,52,571 is asked for the War Department and 43,142,749 for the Navy Department and 43,142,749 for the Navy Department are very large; that for the transportation, troop-ships, etc., being \$20,000,000; subsistence, \$2,000,000; pay, etc., of the army, 415,185,52; quartermasters' supplies, \$1,500,000.

Other amounts are: Temporary employes War Department, \$150,000; signal service for apparatus, war balloons, etc., \$165,000; balloon-house at For Meyer, Va., \$1550,000; barracks and quarters, \$1,000,000; clothing, camp and garrison equipage, \$2,000,000; barracks and quarters, \$1,000,000, clothing, camp and garrison equipage, \$2,000,000, bringing home the remains of officers and soddlers who die gbroad, \$100,000, manufacture of arms, \$200,000; ordnance supplies, \$130,000 medical and hospital department, \$200,000; deep waterway commission, for surveys for waterways between Great Lakes and Atlantic, \$20,000.

Gold Shipments.

NEW YORK Dec 22-The following hipments of gold will be made by to-forrow's steamers:

Baring, Magoun & Company, \$1,000,000 Heidelback, Ickelheimer & Company, \$1, 250,000; L. Von Hoffman & Company, \$400, 600; Goldman, Sachs & Company, \$1,700, (60); Muller, Schall & Company, \$625,609 total, \$4,975,600.

Carnegie Company Increase Wages. PITTSBURG, PA., Dec. 22.—The Carnegie Steel Company pested to-day at its various works in this city notices in creasing the wages of common labor to \$1.50 per day, and all other labor, with This makes a total of 25 per cent. crouse since the last general scale.

Fire in the Hold,

LONDON, Dec 22.—The British steam-er Vulcan, Captain Nailo, which arrived at Hamburg December 18th, from Galreston and Norfolk, via Fayat, where she was towed in with loss of propeller, has had a fire in her hold, which has been amoutdering, and seventy baies of

The Maine's Dead.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The Navy Department has announced that the ceremonies at Arlington attending the borisi of the Maine's dead, which are coming on the Texas, will take place at II o'clock A. M.

BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 22.—The condi-tion of Congressman Boutelle was mucl-improved to-night, and he left for Ban-gor, Maine.

REV. MR. MOODY DIED YESTERDAY

The World's Greatest Evangelist Has Passed to His Well-Earned Re-

ward-Beloved in Richmond.

EAST NORTHFIELD, MASS., Dec. 22. D. L. Moody, the famous evangells

by the members of Mr. Moody's family and immediate circle of friends that death would be the result of his illness. The cause of death was a general breakingdown due to overwork. Mr. Moody's heart had been weak for a long time and axertions put forth in connection with meetings in the last month, brought on collapse, from which he falled to rally

wife and children, felling them that the end was not far off. The family remained close by the bedside all the forenoon. The evangelist was almost free from

Just before 12 o'clock the watchers saw that the end was approaching and ex-actly at moon the great preacher passes

HIS ILLNESS.

KANSAS CITY, MO., Dec. 22 - Dwight ng at Convention Hall. He was compelled o give up his work here and on the day ollowing, started for his home in the

following started for his home in the care of a physician.

Mr. Moody probably addressed the largest erowds during his stay here that he ever faced. The meetings began on Sanday, November 12th. The crowds were intense, thousands of people filling the hell afternoon and evening, each day. The strain upon Mr. Moody was great. He preached his last sermon on Thursday right. November 18th. fully 15,000 people listening to an earnest appeal that many stamped as one of the evangelist's greatest efforts.

est efforts.

He was stricken the next morning at his hotel, but laughlingly declared he was all right and that he would be able to preach that afternoon. He grew worse gradually, however, and it was deemed best to start him for his home the next day, although the physician stated that Mr. Moody's condition was not necessarily

VISITED RICHMOND.

Dwight L. Moody visited Richmond several times and thousands of people in this city have heard his powerful and soul-stirring sermons. The last time he was in Richmond he conducted services for several days in the temporary tabernacle that was built upon the Allan lot at the corner of Flith and Main streets.

Mr. Moody came here at the invitation of all the protestant preachers in lighmond. The building scaled about ten thousand people and it was filled at every service. There were hundreds of converts and the religious feeling was greatly stirred. Revival meetings were continued in many churches and as the result of

GREAT DISASTER IN ITALIAN TOWN

Hotels Bodily Precipitated Into the Sea.

BURIED IN DEBRIS.

Which Crushed Four Vessels to the Bottom-Are Many Victims.

THE POPULATION ARE TERRIFIED

The Catastrophe Came Without a Moment's Warning-It is Believed That the Loss of Life is Heavy, Including a Number of Monks and Occupants

ROME, Dec 22-A terrible disaster took place this afternoon at Amain, the popular ourist resort on the gulf of Salerno.

of the Hotels,

About 2 o'clock an enormous rock, non which stood the Capuchin Hotel, siid odily into the sea with a deafening roar ad with. and without a moment's warning, catry-ng with it the hotel, the old Capuchin nonastery below, the Hotel Santa Calerina

and several villus.

MANY BURIED.

Many persons were buried in the debris, which crushed four yessels to the bottom of the sea, destroying their crews. The mass of earth which slipped was about 50,000 cubic yards.

The population is in a state of terror, fearing fresh calamities. Troops have arrived upon the scene and begun rescue

heavy, including a number of monks and the occupants of the hotel. As yet, it is

A SMALL TOWN.

SIX BURNED TO DEATH.

Little Girls Catch Afire at a Christmas Rehearsal.

OVER FORTY DROWNED.

School Children Break Through the Ice in Brussels.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 22.-Unwards of forty chool children were growned to-day in n ice accident at Ferlinghem, near the

French frontier.

The children of the district had been given a holiday with permission to play on the frozen River Los. When the meriment was at full height the lee broke suddenly, and the children disappeared. A few were rescued half dead, but the majority were deemed.

jority were drawned.

Thirty-six bodies have been recovered, but others are still missing.

The catastrophe spread consternation through the town in which nearly every family suffered loss.

DORMITORIES BURNED.

Those of the Georgetown Convent Destroyed-Inmates Escaped.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 -The convent were destroyed by fire to-day How the fire originated has not yet beer discovered. All the inmates and employe

TO PAY DEPOSITORS.

A Proposition to Advance the Funds

Necessary. NEW YORK, Dec. 22-The following

statement was given out after a meeting of the Trustees of the Produce Exchange Trust Company to-day:

"At the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Produce Exchange Trust Company a proposition was made by General Samuel Thomas to advance the money necessary to pay the depositors in full provided that, upon an examination of its affairs by his representative these should be found by him to be in such a condition as to justify him in assuming that, in the event stated, General Thomas would accept the presidency of the Company, and that such changes of officers and trustees should be made as he should The Board thereupon ad-

ourned until Wednesday next to await the result of such examination. "The special committee in charge has in contemplation a making of a dividend to depositors at an early date."

NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY.

Col. Gordon McCabe Responds to the Toast, "Our Reunited Country,"

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Five hundred persons sat down to the fourteen long tables in the banquet hall of the Waldorf io-night, the occasion being the ninety-fourth annual dinner of the New England Society of New York. Former Judge Henry E. Howland presided at the din-ner. Aoming the toasts were "Our Re-united Country," by Prof. Gordon W. Mc-Cabe, of Richmond, V4. "The Navy," Rear-Admiral W. T. Sampson, U. S. N., and "The New Pacific," Hon. John Bar-rett. to-night, the occasion being the ninety

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Mr. Moody was greatly beloved by rett. Colonel Gordon W. McCabe said: "I will say that I was not one who clambridge or war with Spain. Not all the giories of Manila Bay or of Santiago would have wrought this reconciliation between him preach.

two results; one, and the paramount one, the thorough confidence now reposed by the whole West and North in the patriot. ism of the South; the other, the tighten-ing of the blood the between our young western giant and that grand old moth-

God forbid that war, civil o "God forbid that war, civil or foreign, should come again in our time, but should it come, men of the North and of the East and of the West, I speak for my people, you shall hear the tramp of our leglons as they wheel into line to touch eithows with the statement sons of New England, eager to keep with the cadenced step to the music of the Union, to hedge round with stubborn steel that 'starry banner' that symbolizes once more, to us banner that symbolizes once more, to us as to you, the majesty of American citi-zenship and the indestructibility of the Republican institutions."

the first month from the first tenth of chlowing extract:
"I would to God that the truth of this whole Philippine situation could be known by every one in America as I know it. If the real history, inspiration and conditions of this insurrection, and the influences, local and external, that now encourage the enemy as well as the actual possessity. statements and conclusions and of

A LETTER TO POPULISTS.

A Number of Questions Propounded

to National Committeemen, WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The Post to-norrow will publish a letter sent out by enator Butler, of North Carolina, chair-

COMMISSION OF ELECTIONS.

It Will Meet in Frankfort, Kentucky, To-Day.

PRANKFORT, KY, Dec. 22.—The Sta commission on Elections will meet he co-mercow. It is understood Judge L. Fulton, of Bardstows, will be man

Duke of Westminister Dead LONDON, Dec. 22. The Duke of West

KIMBERLEY ON FULL RATIONS

General Methuen Believed to be Master of the Situation and His Position Unassailable.

LONDON, Dec. 22.-A dispatch from Sape Town, saled Sunday, December 1-th, eays that General Methuen's primary object in crossing the Modder river appears to have been to establish searchlight com-munication with Kimberley, which is be-

identication with Kimeerrey, which is be-ideved to be still on full rations. The water in the mines is pleutiful. On the other hand, in spite of their usual tractics, it is considered possible that the 10 ts have keen compelled to assume the offensive, the commander having arranged for the disposition of the forces and anti-cipating difficulty in maintaining food sup-plies in the present positions. Moreover stifled to on many sides, and may tene

buen in advancing, he is regarded as argely the master of the situation and is entremeled position is believed to be

massailable. in the event of the Boers attacking Kimberley, General Methuen would be en-

Kimberley, General Mediuch would be en-abled to make a counter move with his artillery and cavalry, consequently, such a movement on the part of the Boers, it is said, is not contemplated.

It is apparent, therefore, that to make haste slowly is the truest polley at pres-ent. In accordance with General Me-tharen's dictum, the army should not ad-vance faster than the slowest ox-wagons. LITTLE LIGHT.

LONDON, Dec. 21.-4:45 A. M.-Belated South African dispatches throw no light upon the present situation at the scat of war. There is no confirmation of the report that Ladysmith could hold out several weeks longer, and it is feared that this was circulated by the Boers for their

wa purposes.

The Dally Telegraph has a special from Chieveley, dated December 18th, which tells how Leutenant Roberts fell at Tu-"The horses of the 14th and 18th Bat-

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"The horses of the 14th and 15th Batteries had been killed, and Lieutenant Roberts, Captain Schofield and Captain Congreve, of the Rifles, attempted with gunner volunteers to drag out the guns. Captain Schofield succeeded, helped by a corporal and some men. Lieutenant Roberts was hit by a shell. Captain Congreve was struck and wounded slightly.

"After a while Captain Congreve and Major Baptie brought Lieutenant Rob-Bills and Resolutions Introduced,

MR. NEWBERNE PASSES AWAY

Norfolk County Delegate Died on Yesterday.

WAS ILL FOR A WEEK

Had Served Several Terms and Was a Popular Member.

WILL ORDER AN ELECTION

Speaker Saunders to Issue the Writ. Sketch of the Deceased Legislator. Senator Barksdale to Press His Bill to Purify Elections-A , Statement on the Anti-Trust Measure,

Hon. M. S. Newberne, the member the House of Delegates from Norfolk county, died late yesterday afternoon. had been an III man for a week,

when he came to Richmond to attend to his legislative duties. Last Saturday evening he was taken to a hospital, where

he had the best medical attention and the most careful nursing.

Mr. Newberne was the fourth oldest member of the House in point of service.
Only Speaker Saunders, Former Speaker Byan and Delegate Pilcher have served longer than Mr. Newberne. He was ex-ceedingly popular with all the members. It was a man who was always genful. lie was a man who was always genta-and his good humor has on many occa-sions afforded the members of the Hous-enjoyment, There never lived a man wh was truer to his friends. He loved his felwas truer to his triends. He foved his fel-low men and tried to serve them. During his service in the House Mr. Newberne has probably not made an enemy. Every-body had an affection for him. THE VACANCY.

The vacancy occasioned by his death will be filled by a special election. Speak-er Saunders will issue the writ. The elec-tion will probably occur about the first

farmer. Newberne, from the time when he was a boy, took an active interest in politics. In 1831 he was elected one of the

THE MEMBERS LEAVE. Most of the members of the Legislature have left for their homes. Only about a dozen were in the city yesterday. The Sen-

weath win not second a law in the house, tree it appears now, will be badly beater in the House. Delegate Folkes, who is leading the fight against it, said yesterday the opposition jo the act was gaining strength. Should the bill pass the House, the Governor will promptly veto it and the advocates of the measure cannot possibly muster enough strength to pass the

THE BARKSDALE BILL. Senator Barksdale is receiving letters from all parts of the State, encouraging him in his efforts to have passed a bill to prevent the improper use of money in elections to buy votes. He has received some very interesting data concerning primaries and conventions, which he will

use at the proper time.

The Senator said he would be prepared to show that there is much corruption in politics in this State and a law im-

posing severe penalties is needed to cor-rect the existing evils.

"Things have come to a pass when men who have money to buy votes can win," said the Senator. 'This thing ought to be stopped. A poor man cannot afford to run for office against one who has money to spend. I wish to make it possible for a man who has no money with which to orrupt the voters, can aspire to office.

ANTI-TRUST ACT. Senator Barksdale and Delegate Grave-ly, who have introduced in the Senate and House, respectively, an anti-trus-bill, have given out the following state-

ment:
For the benefit of the correspondent
who signs timeelf "H." in the Rich
mond Times as well as for the information, of the public, we beg formation, of the public, we beginned to say that the Texas "Anti-trus upon her Legislature, as during the present year she has greatly enlarged the provisions and scope of her law as I formerly stood, preserving, however, the

formerly stood, preserving, however, the main features of the old law, and making it more rigid and effective in every particular.

The new law, above mentioned, does not go into effect until January 1st, 1900. and therefore no case has yet ariser In presenting our bill before the Legis

lature of Virginia, we have called to our aid the wisdom, experience and enlight-ened statesmanship of one of the greatest and most progressive Commonwealths of ican Union. WILLIAM P. BARKSDALE, W. H. GRAVELY.

GEN. LAWTON LAID TO REST.

His Remains Placed in the Chapel in Paco Cemetery.

Paco Cemetery.

MANILA, Dec. 22—12:30 P. M.—General Lawton's remains were placed in the chapet in the Paco Cemetery this morning. Private services were held at the residence, and the body was carried to the cometery by members of the General's staff, and escorted by Troop I, of the Pourth Cavalry.

Public services will be held later.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The officials of the House of Representatives have struck a balance on the recent deluge of bills, showing that up to the recess the

record stood: Total bills introduced, 5.65; joint resolutions, 35; simple resolutions, 65; grand total, 5.155 measures of all kinds.

FUND FOR LAWTON'S FAMILY.

The Committee Gratified at the Gene, rous Response to their Appeal.

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WASHINGTON. Dec, 22—The committee engaged in raising a fund for the relief of the widow and four young children of the late Major-General Henry W. Lawton are gratified with the generous response to their appeal, and now suggest, through the press, that all those feeling able and so disposed, make a Christmas offering to promote the work in hand.

It is proposed to cable Mrs. Lawton on Monday the result, as evidence of the appreciation of her husband's splendid service and the sympathy and regard in which she is held by her countrymen.

The total contribution to the fund to date amounts to \$4.54.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Foreigner With Plenty of Money Jumped in Front of Moving Train,

WELDON N. C. Dec. 22.—Special.—A foreigner, who signed his name in the notel register here as Emilia Goibal, it is hought, attempted suicide here late last evening by jumping in front of a moving

train. He had been smoking cigarettes all day, and had consumed twelve mackages. He acted queerly and wanted to borrow a pistol, but no one would let him have one. He was hadly brubsed by the engine, but was, fortunately, thrown from the pilot and no bones were broken. He had plenty of money and a through ticket to New York.

RIVER AND HARBOR BILL.

Representative Berry Thinks it Will Be Taken Up at This Session.

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WASHINGTON. Dec. 22—Representative Berry, of Kentucky, a member of
the River and Harbor Committee, said today that he did not agree with the view
of Chairman Burton, of the committee,
that there would be no river and harbor
bill this year. Mr. Berry thinks it most
cestrable that the bill should be framed
at the present long session, and he is of
the opinion that the committee will take
this view.

Molineux Trial.

New York, Dec. 22.—The session of the Molineux trial to-day was brief, the case going over until Tuesday next, after about three hours had been spent in an examination of Henry L. Tolman, a handwriting expert of Chicago, and Charles E. Warren, chief clerk of the Lincoln National Bank, who was called to the stand to identify the handwriting the stand to identify the handwriting

of Harry S. Cornish.

Mr. Tolman went extensively into the echnicalities of the bandwriting shown in the various exhibits, and declared that he had never before seen such an excollection of specimens for por traying the most striking characteristics of the writer. His testimony agreed with that given by Experts Kinsley and Tyr-rell regarding many of the strongest characteristics exhibited in the hand-

THE DEMOCRACIA HAS SUSPENDED

Will Resume Publication When it is Known by What Mode is is Judged. Supported Administration.

MANILA, Dec. 22.-10:50 P. M.-The ewspaper, Democracia, the organ of a oteric of Filipinos, including the Supreme Court judges favoring American control n the Philippines, to-night announces that t has been decided to suspend publica-

The paper was started at its suggestion and under the patronage of he Poilippine Advisory Commission, headed by Professor J. G. Schurman, The Democracia prints a single page, in big type. In the statement accompanying the attouchment of its suspension, the editor says he has been directed by the provest marshal to retract certan criticisms of the clerical methods adopted in regard to the management of schools, and adds:

NO OTHER RECOURSE. Recognizing the authority of the pro-vest marshad, we have no recourse ex-cept to comply, and have decided to sus-pend publication until the present extra-ordinary conditions regarding press mat-ters disappear. When we know what laws tors disappear. The way are judged, and to whose jurisdiction press matters are amenable, the Democracia will reappear."

The paper has generally been a warm supporter of the administration. The pro-ort marshal recently threatened to sup-press it for publishing an editorial assertng that Manila streets were in ondition under the American than they had been under Spanish administration.

The Manila Times was also recently warned, with an intimation of imprisonment and confiscation for printing an editorial recommending the creation of a board of charity empissioners, to control

board of charity commissioners, to control charitable institutions, on account of ru-mors of mismanagement of charitable funds by the church authorities. COMPLAIN BITTERLY. The newspapers complain bitterly that the anotherities exercise a paternal super-vision, threatening suppression, they vision, threatening suppression, they claim, for triffing errors in the publication of news not connected with public mat-ters. They also say the censorship handi-

caps newspaper enterprise by suppress-ing cable dispatches received from re-sectable agencies, whose transmission is of an exceedingly costly character. The matter suppressed includes reports of government actions, among them being Philippine and American occurrences which might give the Filipinos an unfavorable opinion of the United States.

CIRCULAR LETTER ISSUED.

Agricultural Coliege for Negroes Wants Grant of 25,000 Acres of Land. HUNTSVILLE, ALA. Dec. 22.-President W. H. Council, of the Agricultural and Mechanical college for negroes at and Mechanical college for negroes at Normal, this State, has issued a circular letter to friends asking them to lead all possible aid to the passage of a bill introduced in the Senate of the Fifty-fifth Congress by Senator Pettus, granting 25,000 acres of land each to the Normal college at Florence and the college at Normal.

President Council recites that the bill passed the Senate without opposition, was unanimously endorsed by the proper committee of the House, and would have passed but for Speaker Reed's batted for General Wheeler, three-fourts of the members of the House having piedged themselves to support it.

MILITARY FUND DISTRIBUTION

Board Considers Change in Present Plan.

MATTER STILL OPEN

Proposition to Abolish the Per Capita Apportionment.

REIMBURSE THE COMPANIES

Requirements to Have Reports Made to the State Headquarters of Expenses Incurred During the Year, Such Bills to, Be Paid After Approval-Cannon's Eligibility.

The State Military Board has under onsideration the matter of distribution of that portion of the military fund remaining after payment of expenses of the adjutant-general's office and other general expenses. . The Board is not agreed, though no flual decision has been

The alternative plans presented are the old one of apportionment among the companies on the basis of number of men ment from headquarters annually of such bills submitted by the various companies covering the legitimate expenses incurred during the year as might be approved by the Board. Two meetings of the Board have

held recently. No decision has been reached. It is understood that two of the members favor one plan and two the other. The fifth member was abent on the occasion of each meeling The Board is composed of the Governor the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the and the senior officer of the volunteer milita, who is Commander H. L. Can-non, of the Naval Reserves. MILITARY FUND.

The military fund is one-half of one per cent, of the State revenue, excluding schools, and amounted for the year end-ing October 31st to about \$12.60. There is also a balance remaining over from the The system of distribution to

An average of about \$2 or \$1.50 per man is approximately correct. For a company of say sixty men, the total would be from \$180 to \$250 per annum. This must is supposed to be expended for necessary expenses, such as armory rentlight, fuel, etc., etc., but the custom has been for the companies to expend the money about as they pleased. The practice has been justified on the ground that the amount is plitfully small, and that enjoyment by the men of an occasional little banquet or trip encuirages. sional little banquet or trip encourages them to remain in the service and tends to attract new recruits.

AN ITEMIZED ACCOUNT. On the other hand a strict construction of the law, it is urged, requires an item-

ized account of expenditures to be sub-mitted by the company officers as a condition precedent to participation in the fund. Such a construction, if oncondition precedent to participation in the fund. Such a construction, if cap-forced, would require the various companies to pay their bills through the year and look to the State headquarters for relations. for reimbursement.

Before the Board undertook consideration of the matter, the eligibility of Commander H. L. Cannon to a place on the Board was, at the suggestion of the Board, referred to the Attorney-General

for decision.

This step was taken out of abundant precaution, for the members of the Board were convinced that there could be no question in regard to the matter. The Attorney-General sustained this belief. Commander Cannon, an officer of the Naval Reserves, attaleed position on the Naval Reserves, attained position on the Board by virtue of his position as ranking officer of the volunteer militia. The next meeting of the Board will be held early in the new year.

THE BILL NOW A LAW.

Sleeping Car Companies Cannot Sell

Berths to Negroes. ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 22.-Governor Candler has signed the blil prohibiting sleeping car companies operating in the State from furnishing berths to negro passengers, except in coaches used ex-pecially for the accommodation of ne-

groes. The measure is now a law. SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS.

-Death of Captain Richard E. Frayser. -The Governor's annual list of Christ-

mas pardons.

-Death of Delegate M. S. Newberne, 6: Death of Delegate 31. S. Seederle, V. Norfolk county.

—May change the method of apportionment of funds for State military.

—Young Men's Business Association and the Chamber of Commerce to Join forces.

—Board of Aldermen adopts the electric road ordinance.

State.

-Firing on a burglar nearly causes a riot in Newport News.

-Day Point Land Company chafter amended.
-Estate adjoining Chaftham, opposite Prederickaburg, sold.
-Captain J. A. Richardson thrown from his buggy and killed.
-A ship painter's wife badly burned in Newport News.
-Newport News Evening Journal sold under trust deed for small sum.
-The postoffice safe at Dunn Loring blown open and robbed.
-Burglars at work in Clifton Forge.
-New iron bridge at Greenee, Rockbridge county, to be thrown open Christmas Day.
-Coast Line bridge at Petersburg blocked by a freight wreck.

General.

General. -Interstate Commerce Commission re-sumes hearing in reclassification case. -Evangelist Moody died yesterday.

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Foreign.

-Hotels and villas in Ituly precipitated into the ses.

-Methuen thought to be master of situation around Kimberiey.

-Leutehant-Colonel Henderson, author of "Life of Stonewall Jackson," appointed to serve on Lord Roberts' stars.

WEATHER FORECAST.